

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
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ALEXANDER E. JONES,	§	Chapter 7
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Debtor.	§	Case No. 22-33553 (CML)
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**TWELFTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PORTER HEDGES LLP, AS BANKRUPTCY
COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, CHRISTOPHER R. MURRAY, FOR ALLOWANCE
OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM
MAY 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Porter Hedges LLP, as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray
Date of Retention Order:	July 30, 2024 (Doc. No. 792) ¹
Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	May 1, 2025 through and including May 31, 2025
Interim Fees Incurred:	\$32,894.50
Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):	\$26,315.60
Interim Expenses Incurred:	\$2,974.62
Total Fees and Expenses Due:	\$29,290.22

This is the Twelfth Monthly Fee Statement.

¹ The Trustee's application to employ Porter Hedges was filed at Docket No. 756.

Porter Hedges LLP (“Porter Hedges”), as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray (the “Trustee”), submits this Twelfth Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the proposed *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 793] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Porter Hedges requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$32,894.50 (the “Fees”), and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$2,974.62 (the “Expenses”), for the period from May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$26,315.60 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$2,974.62 for a total requested amount of \$29,290.22.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category and expenses are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**, respectively. A summary of the time expended by Porter Hedges attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. Porter Hedges’ invoice for the Application Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

WHEREFORE, Porter Hedges respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proposed Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$26,315.60 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$2,974.62 in the total amount of \$29,290.22.

Dated: June 11, 2025.
Houston, Texas

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on June 11, 2025.

/s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl

Joshua W. Wolfshohl

EXHIBIT 1**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees Requested
Asset Analysis/Recovery	28.90	22,374.50
Case Administration	2.70	1,331.50
Employment/Fee Application	7.00	4,791.00
Litigation	5.50	4,397.50
TOTAL	44.10	32,894.50

EXHIBIT 2

SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Expenses	Cost
Computer Assisted Legal Research	1,093.05
Computer Services	1,857.57
Delivery Service	24.00
TOTAL	2,974.62

EXHIBIT 3**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

Professional	Hourly Rate	Total Hours
Joshua W. Wolfshohl	\$995.00	5.20
Michael B. Dearman	\$745.00	29.70
Jordan T. Stevens	\$725.00	5.30
Carey A. Sakert	495.00	1.00
Mitzie L. Webb	485.00	.40
Eliana Garfias	\$425.00	2.50
TOTAL		44.10

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Invoice Date: June 10, 2025
Invoice Num.: 578459
Matter Number: 018577-0001
Billing Attorney: Joshua W. Wolfshohl
Tax ID: #74-2174193

Matter: Alex Jones

For professional services rendered and costs incurred through May 31, 2025

Professional Services	32,894.50
Disbursements	2,974.62
Total Amount Due	\$35,869.12

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Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/01/2025	JWW	Review motion to continue (.1); emails and phone conferences with Trustee team regarding remand and appeal issues (.5); review revised language and provide comments to same (.3).	0.90	895.50
05/01/2025	MBD	Attend to correspondence regarding remand (.2); conference with J. Stevens regarding potential claims and case strategy (.5); review discovery related to potential claims (.2); conference with C. Murray, J. Wolfshohl, and E. Jones regarding status conference (.4).	1.30	968.50
05/01/2025	JTS	Prepare for and speak with M. Dearman with regarding potential claims and adversary proceedings.	0.60	435.00
05/02/2025	MBD	Conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case strategy (.1); correspond with E. Jones regarding document discovery (.1).	0.20	149.00
05/05/2025	MBD	Begin draft interim fee application (1.7); conference with J. Stevens regarding potential claims (.5).	2.20	1,639.00
05/05/2025	JTS	Speak with M. Dearman regarding potential claims, including materials pertaining thereto (.5); conduct legal research and analysis regarding potential claims and adversary proceedings (1.5).	2.00	1,450.00
05/06/2025	MBD	Review and analyze litigation preparation materials.	1.70	1,266.50
05/07/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones and J. Stevens regarding potential claims (1.5); review documents (.2); continue draft third interim fee application (.2).	1.90	1,415.50
05/07/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend a strategy session with M. Dearman and E. Jones regarding potential claims and adversary proceedings, including by reviewing previous research and analysis in anticipation thereof (1.7); correspond with members of the Porter Hedges Team regarding the Relativity database (.2).	1.90	1,377.50
05/07/2025	CAS	Communications with e-discovery vendor regarding J.	0.20	99.00

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		Stevens' database access.		
05/08/2025	MBD	Continue draft third interim fee application.	1.90	1,415.50
05/09/2025	MBD	Continue draft fee application (1.0); gather supporting discovery and documents related to potential claims (.3); correspond with E. Jones and J. Stevens regarding same (.1); correspond with J. Wolfshohl regarding third interim fee application (.1); analyze potential claims and causes of action (.5); correspond with C. Murray regarding fee statement and fee application (.1).	2.10	1,564.50
05/11/2025	MBD	Revise fee statement (.1); review and redact invoices (.2).	0.30	223.50
05/12/2025	MBD	Correspond with M. Webb regarding eleventh interim fee statement (.1); continue analyzing potential claims (.9); continue analyzing document production (1.6).	2.60	1,937.00
05/12/2025	MLW	Email exchanges with M. Dearman regarding PH's 11th Monthly Fee Statement; receive/review and file; docket deadline to object.	0.40	194.00
05/13/2025	MBD	Fees correspondence (.1); revise fee app (.2); analyze document production (.2); conference with E. Jones regarding response to motion to reconsider and case status (.3).	0.80	596.00
05/14/2025	MBD	Correspond with C. Murray regarding fee application (.1); finalize fee application and exhibits (.3).	0.40	298.00
05/15/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones regarding case issues (.5); revise fee application (.2); correspond with M. Webb and E. Garfias regarding fee application (.1).	0.80	596.00
05/15/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of third interim PH fee application (.2); receive, review, and electronically file same with court (.6); download and circulate filed version (.1); update file (.1).	1.00	425.00
05/19/2025	JWW	Review and provide feedback on response to Jones motion to reconsider (.3); review response filed by families (.3).	0.60	597.00

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05/19/2025	MBD	Analyze document production (2.3); conference with E. Jones regarding response to motion to reconsider (.2).	2.50	1,862.50
05/20/2025	MBD	Analyze document production (2.5); correspond with E. Jones and J. Stevens regarding same (.1).	2.60	1,937.00
05/21/2025	MBD	Analyze documents regarding potential claims (.2); conference with E. Jones regarding motion for stay pending appeal and related case issues (.4); correspond regarding document review (.2).	0.80	596.00
05/22/2025	JWW	Emails with Trustee team regarding open issues in case.	0.20	199.00
05/22/2025	MBD	Multiple correspondence with C. Sakert regarding documents production (.2); begin review of additional document production (.2).	0.40	298.00
05/22/2025	CAS	Receive production from Frost Bank, PQPR Holdings, and Security Bank and forward same to vendor with instructions for loading into database.	0.60	297.00
05/23/2025	JWW	Conference with M. Dearman regarding estate causes of action and pending appeal.	0.40	398.00
05/23/2025	MBD	Conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case status and potential claims (.4); analyze potential claims (.4); correspond with E. Jones regarding statement in appeal (.1).	0.90	670.50
05/23/2025	CAS	Email communications with M. Dearman regarding new client documents being available for review in database.	0.20	99.00
05/24/2025	MBD	Draft statement in connection with Young appeal (1.0); review and analyze pleadings related to Young appeal (.5).	1.50	1,117.50
05/25/2025	MBD	Continue draft statement regarding Young appeal.	2.30	1,713.50
05/26/2025	JWW	Review statement regarding appeal and emails regarding same.	0.30	298.50
05/27/2025	JWW	Emails and phone conference with counsel for families (.7); review orders entered in adversaries regarding remand and emails with Trustee team regarding same	1.10	1,094.50

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		(.2); review reply filed by A. Jones regarding motion to reconsider (.2).		
05/27/2025	MBD	Revise statement in Young appeal and correspond with E. Jones, J. Wolfshohl, and J. Stevens regarding same (.1); correspond with C. Murray regarding same (.1).	0.20	149.00
05/27/2025	EG	Update case calendar with upcoming deadlines.	0.20	85.00
05/28/2025	MBD	Correspond with C. Murray regarding statement in Young appeal (.1); correspond with M. Webb and E. Garfias regarding statement in Young appeal (.1); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.1).	0.30	223.50
05/28/2025	EG	Correspondence on filing logistics of statement in young appeal (.1); monitor emails for status of same (.5); receive, review, and electronically file same with court in bankruptcy and appellate case (.5); download and circulate filed versions (.1); update file (.1).	1.30	552.50
05/29/2025	JWW	Conference with Trustee team regarding open issues in case, status conference and pending appeal.	0.60	597.00
05/29/2025	MBD	Continue analyzing potential claims (.3); conference with Trustee team and PH team regarding case issues (.6).	0.90	670.50
05/30/2025	JWW	Conference with Trustee team regarding claims and causes of action.	1.10	1,094.50
05/30/2025	MBD	Prepare for meeting on potential claims (.2); conference with E. Jones, J. Wolfshohl, and J. Stevens regarding potential claims analysis (.9).	1.10	819.50
05/30/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend a strategy session with J. Wolfshohl, M. Dearman, E. Jones, and the Trustee.	0.80	580.00
Total			44.10	\$32,894.50
Total Services				\$32,894.50

Timekeeper Summary

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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JWW	Joshua W. Wolfshohl	Partner	5.20	995.00	5,174.00
MBD	Michael B. Dearman	Associate	29.70	745.00	22,126.50
JTS	Jordan T. Stevens	Associate	5.30	725.00	3,842.50
CAS	Carey A. Sakert	Paralegal	1.00	495.00	495.00
MLW	Mitzie L. Webb	Paralegal	0.40	485.00	194.00
EG	Eliana Garfias	Paralegal	2.50	425.00	1,062.50
Total			44.10		\$32,894.50

Cost Summary

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